

# MAQUOKETA CAVES STATE PARK



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(323 acres)

Hernando's Hideaway, Shinbone, Dug Out and Rainy Day are just a few of the 13 caves to explore at Maquoketa Caves State Park. For adventurous visitors, don't forget the flashlight, helmet and old clothes. Prepare to get dirty while wriggling your way into the smaller caves. Wind your way through Dancehall Cave, the scene of community dances in olden days.

Natural beauty surrounds visitors as they hike shady trails and pause at highlights such as the "Natural Bridge," standing nearly 50 feet over Raccoon Creek and the 17-ton "Balanced Rock." Each season brings exceptional beauty from spring wildflowers to the lush greenery of summer. Fall's dramatic golds and crimsons give way to a peaceful winter beauty decorated with snow and icicles.



**Trails:** Hiking



**Picnicking/Shelter:** Picnic areas; open shelters for reservation; 1 shelter for first-come/first-served use; playground near main picnic area



**Camping:** 16 electric, 6 non-electric; modern rest rooms and showers; dump station; 2 youth group campsites



**Concessions:** T-shirts, flashlights



**Visitor Center:** Displays on park history and natural features; detailed information on geology; May-Sept., weekends only

## Nearby attractions:

### Bellevue State Park:

- Large butterfly garden, camping, hiking, hunting, boating, nature center, Indian burial mounds

### Maquoketa:

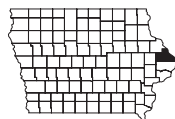
- Jackson Country Historical Society
- Hurstville Interpretive Center: wetland, reconstructed prairie, bird viewing
- Ohnward Fine Arts Center: Professional and local entertainment

### Dubuque:

- Port of Dubuque: Grand Harbor Resort & Waterpark
- National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium
- Dubuque River Rides
- Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens
- Crystal Lake Cave
- Mines of Spain State Recreation Area

## RESERVATIONS

To reserve a campsite or shelter,  
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